

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 701

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. of Dandridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who provided direction, sympathy, and comfort to grieving families as the owner and operator of Farrar Funeral Home of Dandridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar seemed destined for a life in funeral service, as he was born in Stetzer Funeral Home on Valentine's Day, to his loving and devoted parents, Roy Farrar, Sr. and Aileen Taylor Farrar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar moved to Dandridge in 1945 to establish a new ambulance service, and after seeing the community's need for a funeral home, he listened to his entrepreneurial spirit and founded and operated the Farrar Funeral Home of Dandridge from which he served the fine citizens of Dandridge for many years with acumen and alacrity and earned the respect of his employees and clients for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous organizations, including the Jefferson County Rescue Squad, the Dandridge Volunteer Fire Department, the Dandridge City Council, the Lion's Club of Dandridge where he earned the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the Brazelton Lodge #190 F & AM, the Scottish Rites Bodies, the Kerbela Shrine, and the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Farrar was named the Jefferson Countian of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 2002 for working assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Farrar, Sr. and Aileen Taylor Farrar; his sister, Elizabeth Farrar Smith; his brother, Joe T. Farrar; and his sister-in-law, Jane Henry Farrar; and

WHEREAS, R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. is survived by his loving wife, Helen "Pinky" Ward Farrar; his daughter, Pam Farrar; his sons and daughter-in-law, Roy E. "Rick" Farrar, III and Jack and Tammie Farrar; his grandchildren, Laura and Kelly Farrar; his brothers and sisters-in-law, James C. and Agnes Farrar and Dr. Bill and Frances Farrar; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Jim Smith and Brenda and Frank Juntumen; sister-in-law, Betty Goforth Farrar; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farrar leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr. reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of R.E. "Toad" Farrar, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.